

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
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Computerization of Agricultural and Rural Development Banks

1131 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working towards Computerization of Agricultural and Rural Development banks (ARDBs); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) and (b): The Long-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (LTCCS) consists of Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks at State and primary levels, which are primarily engaged in providing long term finance to farmers. As on today, fully functional State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (SCARDBs) exist in 13 States/ UTs.

In order to improve their operational efficiency, bring uniformity in accounting practices and core aspects of the systems followed in lending, recovery and raising resources, and to aid in their business expansion, Government has approved the project of computerization of 1,851 units of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) including their branches and supervisory units with a total outlay of Rs 119.40 crore.

NABARD is the implementing agency for the project and will develop a common national level software for ARDBs. Hardware, support for Digitization of legacy data, training to the employees, etc. will be provided under the project.

In this regard, this Ministry has already circulated the project related guidelines to the States/UTs on 16.11.2023 and have sought proposals from the States/ UTs concerned for this project.
